GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that child labour are being exploited on a large scale in the country thereby violating labour laws;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn by International Labour Organisation towards this;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding exploitation of children and violation of labour laws during the last three years alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(f) the stringent steps likely to be taken by the Government against those persons who are violating labour laws so as to save children from harassment?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The Government is vigilant on the issue of the exploitation of child labour in the country and all out efforts are being made to withdraw such children from work for their rehabilitation and to prosecute the erring employers.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Complaints can be filed under the various sections of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. The State Governments are the appropriate Government for the implementation of the Act. The figures relating to prosecution of employers for violation of labour laws in respect of child labour during the last three years are as under:-

Year	No. of Prosecution launched
2002-03	8930
2003-04	2650
2004-05	8246#

= provisional

(f): Sufficient deterrent provisions have already been made in the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 for persons violating the provisions of the Act. The Act provides that any person who employs any child in contravention of the provisions of the Act, is liable for punishment with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to one year or with fine which shall not be less than Rs.10,000 but which may extend to Rs.20,000 or both.